

State Water Resources Control Board

September 8, 2015

ExxonMobil Environmental Services
Attention: Ms. Sylvana M. Azana
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[Via email only] (Sylvana.M.Azana@exxonmobil.com)

Dear Ms. Azana:

CLOSURE DENIAL REVIEW FOR PETROLEUM UNDERGROUND STORAGE TANK CASE,
EXXON #7-3591 (FORMER), 1377 WEST IMPERIAL HIGHWAY, ATHENS,
LOS ANGELES COUNTY

State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) Resolution No. 2012-0062 requires that State Water Board staff review a lead agency's decision when the lead agency has denied a request by a responsible party for an underground storage tank (UST) case closure pursuant to the Low-Threat UST Case Closure Policy (Policy).

The subject case has the following identification numbers:

- State Water Board, GeoTracker No. T0603702884
- Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board (Los Angeles Water Board), Case No. I-03027

State Water Board staff reviewed the closure request dated December 18, 2012 and the response from the Los Angeles Water Board. After careful consideration of the GeoTracker record, State Water Board staff agrees with the Los Angeles Water Board staff determination that all of the Policy criteria have not been met. Based on information in the above-referenced GeoTracker record, this agency finds that the subject case does not meet the following Policy criteria:

- **General Criterion d.** – Free product has been removed to the maximum extent practicable
- **Groundwater Media-Specific Criteria**

There is a significant amount of petroleum in soil and groundwater beneath the site. The most recent groundwater monitoring and sampling event, in June 2015, reports free product in well EA8A at a thickness of 6.07 feet, the greatest thickness yet reported at the site. The groundwater is at the greatest depth yet measured, over 105 feet below ground surface. The free product has not been removed to the maximum extent practicable.

Contaminants remaining at the subject case continue to pose a potential threat to human health, safety, and the environment. Criteria for low-threat UST case closure have not been met at this time, therefore closure of the UST case is not appropriate.

If you have any questions, please contact George Lockwood at (916) 341-5752 or George.Lockwood@waterboards.ca.gov.

Sincerely,



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